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LETTER DATED 29 JULY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the massive destruction wrought by the United States and its allies on Iraq's civilian facilities and infrastructure in the course of their military operations, which lasted from the night of 16/17 January 1991 until 28 February 1991, clearly demonstrated the iniquitous character of the United States and its unlawful use of the cover of international legitimacy and Security Council resolutions in order to destroy an entire people.

Not content with the more than 90,000 tons of bombs which they dropped during over 100,000 air raids on Iraqi cities and installations, United States aircraft continued - even after the cessation of hostilities and on the pretext of conducting reconnaissance - to carry out intensive air activity in Iraqi airspace, to shoot down unarmed aircraft, to destroy tanks, to drop airborne troops onto roads inside Iraq and to intercept Iraqi helicopters which were performing civilian duties and carrying civilian officials, political figures and relief agency delegations inside Iraq because military operations had destroyed and cut most of the country's land transportation routes.

The following are details of these acts of provocation:

Date	Details
1/2 July	Twelve sorties flown by six formations at speeds of 600 to 700 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Arbil and Mosul, for the purpose of observation and provocation
2/3 July	Ten sorties flown by five formations at speeds of 600 to 700 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk and Tall 'Afar, for the purpose of observation and provocation
3/4 July	Twenty-two sorties flown by 11 formations at speeds of 600 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Arbil, Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk and Amadiyah, for the purpose of observation and provocation, achieved when the American aircraft ejected flares north of Sadd al-Mawsil at 2040 hours

Date	Details
4/5 July	Twenty-two sorties flown by 11 formations at speeds of 600 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall 'Afar and Sadd al-Mawsil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
5/6 July	Three sorties flown by one two-aircraft formation and one single aircraft over Dohuk, Amadiyah and north of Mosul, for the purpose of observation and provocation
6/7 July	Twelve sorties flown by six formations at speeds of 600 to 720 km/h and at medium and low altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Tall 'Afar, for the purpose of observation and provocation
7/8 July	Seventeen sorties flown by eight two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation, achieved by low-altitude flights over Sadd al-Mawsil
8/9 July	Thirty-three sorties flown by 16 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 km/h and at medium altitudes over Arbil, Mosul and Rawanduz, for the purpose of observation and provocation
9/10 July	Thirty-one sorties flown by 13 two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil, Tall 'Afar, Sinjar, Dohuk, Zakho and Dukan, for the purpose of observation and provocation
10/11 July	Thirty-seven sorties flown by 18 formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 800 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk and Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
11/12 July	Nineteen sorties flown by nine formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 km/h and at low and medium altitudes (4,000-5,000 metres) over Dohuk, Arbil, the area north of Mosul and Amadiyah, for the purpose of observation and provocation
12/13 July	Twenty-nine sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations and five single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 8,500 metres over Mosul, Dohuk, Arbil, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Zakho, for the purpose of observation and provocation

Date	Details
13/14 July	Thirty-two sorties flown by 15 two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Arbil, Mosul, Dohuk and Rawanduz, for the purpose of observation and provocation
14/15 July	Twenty-three sorties flown by 11 formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Arbil, Mosul and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
15/16 July	Twenty-seven sorties flown by 13 formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 500 to 4,000 metres over Dohuk, Arbil, Mosul, Tall 'Afar and Amadiyah, for the purpose of observation and provocation
16/17 July	Twelve sorties flown by six formations at speeds of 600 to 800 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk and north of Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
17/18 July	Eighteen sorties flown by five two-aircraft formations, one four-aircraft formation and four single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul and Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
18/19 July	Twenty-five sorties flown by 12 formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over Mosul, Arbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Tall 'Afar, for the purpose of observation and provocation
19/20 July	Sixteen sorties flown by eight formations at speeds of 600 to 700 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 metres over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation
20/21 July	Six sorties flown by three two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 700 km/h and at medium altitudes over Dohuk and north of Mosul, for the purpose of observation and provocation
21/22 July	Twenty sorties flown by nine two-aircraft formations and two single aircraft at speeds of 700 to 900 km/h and at low and medium altitudes over the area north of Mosul, Dohuk and the areas north and west of Arbil, for the purpose of observation and provocation
22/23 July	Nineteen sorties flown by nine formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 650 to 720 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 4,000 to 5,000 metres over Mosul, Arbil and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation

Date	Details
23/24 July	Thirty-four sorties flown by 12 two-aircraft formations, two three-aircraft formations and four single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 950 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 3,000 to 8,500 metres over Arbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Amadiyah and north of Rawanduz, for the purpose of observation and provocation, achieved when the aircraft ejected flares and broke the sound barrier over the areas east and north of Mosul
24/25 July	Eight sorties flown by one four-aircraft formation and two two-aircraft formations at speeds of 700 to 900 km/h and at altitudes ranging from 2,000 to 4,000 metres over Arbil, Amadiyah, north of Mosul and Dohuk, for the purpose of observation and provocation

In placing these facts before the Secretary-General of the United Nations, members of the Security Council and all the nations, peoples and organizations of the world, we hope that the world will appreciate the length to which America has gone in its excessive and unjustified use of force, thus violating Security Council resolutions, showing contempt for the feelings of Iraqi citizens and disturbing their tranquillity and security.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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